GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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EXPANSION OF AURANGABAD AIRPORT
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL);RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Aurangabad Airport has been expanded during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to extend its runway further;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government are contemplating to increase the number of flights on Aurangabad-Mumbai-Delhi route; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) No, Sir.

(c) & (d) There is a plan to extend the runway from 7500 feet to 9000 feet alongwith development of other infrastructure facilities at Aurangabad airport at an estimated cost of Rs. 74 crores with the assistance of Japan Bank for International Corporation.

(e) & (f) Indian Airlines operates flights on the route Delhi-Mumbai-Aurangabad and vice versa daily. There is no plan at present to increase flights in this route by Indian Airlines. However other airlines are free to operate in any sector subject to commercial viability and compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines.